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SUBMITTED: January 13, 2014

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Subject: Order to Regulate Use, Reopen State Forest Campgrounds and Designate  
Campgrounds for Equestrian Use  
Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 4 of 2014  
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, authorizes the Director to issue orders to implement land use rules.

Discussion and Background:

Forest Recreation programs were transferred to the Parks and Recreation Division. Since that transfer, staff has created efficiencies in making the state forest campground programs more revenue neutral. Currently, Parks and Recreation Division operate 133 campgrounds in state forests.

The purpose of this order is to reopen certain campgrounds on forest lands and designate additional campgrounds for equestrian use. Of the campgrounds that will be reopened, one will be open for boating access only (no camping), specifically the Little Brevort South State Forest Campground in Mackinac County. Because this campground will only be open for boating access purposes, the recreation passport will not be required. By reopening these closed campgrounds, it is anticipated that a small profit will be generated or the revenue will be neutral.

Forks State Forest Campground, Grand Traverse County

This campground is currently closed. This order would reopen this campground. This campground, while small with only eight campsites, is very popular with paddle sports enthusiasts and anglers. The facility is an important link on the Boardman River water trail. There has been public pressure to reopen this campground. The rest stop is so critical that staff has allowed the local paddlers club to provide a portable restroom since the campground restroom is closed. The paddling club also pays for trash receptacles and helps maintain the connecting canoe launch facility. This campground is located near other rustic campgrounds and is on the maintenance/operation route of staff from the Keith J. Charters Traverse City State Park.

**Big Oaks, Montmorency County**

This campground is currently closed. This order would reopen this campground. Staff has been working with the equestrian community to find a campground in Montmorency County nearby local riding experiences. Clear Lake State Park is surrounded by Kirtland's warbler habitat and has run into several roadblocks in providing the desired riding experience. Big Oaks is surrounded by deciduous trees, oaks, maple, birch, beech, and a terrain with gently rolling hills.

**Headquarters Lake State Forest Campground, Luce County**

This campground is currently closed. This order would reopen this campground and designate the campground for equestrian use. This campground will provide an equestrian experience for the Newberry Trail system. It will also provide a camping and riding experience desirable to the equestrian community in the eastern Upper Peninsula.

**Little Brevort Lake North State Forest Campground, Mackinac County**

This campground is currently open. This order would designate the campground for equestrian use. Little Brevort Lake is located west of St. Ignace and has the potential to provide a southern camping link with the equestrian trails to the Newberry region. By designating this campground for equestrian use, it will provide a trailhead as well as equestrian campsites.

**Cedar River North State Forest Campground, Menominee County**

This campground is currently open. This order would designate the campground for equestrian use. By designating this campground for equestrian use, it will allow for the proper use and occupancy of this site because it is currently used by equestrian campers.

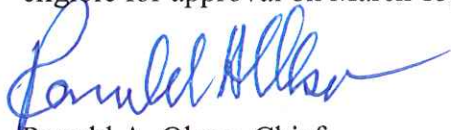
**Little Brevort South State Forest Campground, Mackinac County**

This campground is currently closed. This order would reopen this site for boating access purposes only. This is due to the lake having a non-motorized policy and the location of the site will assist boaters and fisherman in utilizing the lake. Little Brevort Lake is located west of St. Ignace. The site will be renamed "Little Brevort South Boating Access Site."

January 13, 2014

Recommendation:

It is recommended that these sites be reopened for the recreational purposes, as described. The Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee is considering a resolution in support of this order at their meeting held on February 13, 2014. This order is being submitted for information and consideration. This item appeared on the Department's January 2014 calendar and may be eligible for approval on March 13, 2014.



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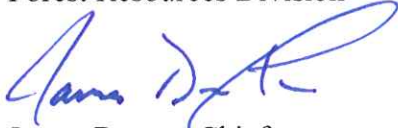
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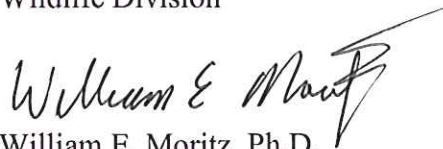
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# LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR

## Amendment No. 4 of 2014

By authority conferred on the Director of the Department of Natural Resources by Section 504 of the Natural Resources Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.504, and in accordance with R 299.921 to R 299.933 , the Director of the Department of Natural Resources orders the following:

**Order 4.2 A person shall not enter, use or occupy any of the following designated campgrounds with a motor vehicle, unless a valid Michigan recreation passport has been purchased and affixed to the vehicle:**

(1) In Alger county:

(a) Forest lake state forest campground.

(b) Kingston lake state forest campground.

(2) In Alpena county:

(a) Ossineke state forest campground.

(b) Thunder bay river state forest campground.

(3) In Antrim county:

(a) Graves crossing state forest campground.

(b) Pinney bridge state forest campground.

(4) In Baraga county:

(a) Beaufort lake state forest campground.

(b) Big Eric's bridge state forest campground.

(c) Big lake state forest campground.

(d) King lake state forest campground.

(5) In Benzie county:

(a) Garey lake trail camp.

(b) Grass lake state forest campground.

(c) Lake Ann state forest campground.

(d) Platte river state forest campground.

(e) Veterans memorial state forest campground.

(6) In Cheboygan county:

(a) Black lake state forest campground.

(b) Black lake trail camp.

(c) Haakwood state forest campground.

(d) Maple bay state forest campground.

(e) Pine grove state forest campground.

(f) Stoney creek trail camp.

(g) Twin lakes state forest campground.

(h) Weber lake state forest campground.

(7) In Chippewa county:

(a) Andrus lake state forest campground.

(b) Detour state forest campground.

(c) Munuscong river state forest campground.

(d) Shell drake dam State forest campground.

(8) In Clare County:

(a) Mud lake state forest campground.

(9) In Crawford county:

(a) 4 Mile trail camp.

(b) AuSable river state forest campground and canoe camp.

(c) Burton's landing state forest campground.

(d) Canoe harbor state forest campground and canoe camp.

(e) Goose creek state forest campground.

(f) Goose creek trail camp.

(g) Jones lake state forest campground.

(h) Keystone landing state forest campground.

(i) Lake margarethe state forest campground.

(j) Manistee river bridge state forest campground.

(k) Rainbow bend state forest campground and canoe camp.

(l) Shupac lake state forest campground.

(m) Upper Manistee river state forest campground and canoe camp.

(n) Walsh road equestrian state forest campground and trail camp.

(o) White pine canoe camp.

(10) In Delta county:

(a) Portage bay state forest campground.

(11) In Dickinson county:

(a) Carney lake state forest campground.

(b) Gene's pond state forest campground.

(c) West branch state forest campground.

(12) In Gladwin county:

(a) House lake state forest campground.

(d) Trout lake state forest campground.

(13) In Grand Traverse county:

(a) Arbutus lake state forest campground.

(b) Forks state forest campground.

(c) Lake Dubonnet state forest campground.

(d) Lake Dubonnet trail camp.

(e) Scheck's place state forest campground.

(f) Scheck's place trail camp.

(g) Spring lake state forest campground.

(14) In Houghton county:

(a) Emily lake state forest campground.

(15) In Iosco county:

(a) Van Etten lake state forest campground.

(16) In Iron county.

(a) Deer lake state forest campground.

(b) Glidden lake state forest campground.

(c) Lake Ellen state forest campground.

(17) In Kalkaska county:

- (a) C.C.C. bridge state forest campground.
- (b) Guernsey lake state forest campground.
- (c) Pickerel lake state forest campground.
- (d) Rapid river trail camp.

(18) In Lake county:

- (a) Bray creek state forest campground.
- (b) Carrieville state forest campground.
- (c) Leverentz lake state forest campground.
- (d) Lincoln bridge state forest campground.
- (e) Silver creek state forest campground.

(19) In Luce county:

- (a) Bass lake state forest campground.
- (b) Blind sucker no. 1 state forest campground.
- (c) Blind sucker no. 2 state forest campground.
- (d) Bodi lake state forest campground.
- (e) Culhane lake state forest campground.
- (f) Headquarters lake **equestrian** state forest campground and **trail camp**.
- (g) High bridge state forest campground.
- (h) Holland lake state forest campground.
- (i) Lake Superior state forest campground.
- (j) Mouth of two hearted river state forest campground.
- (k) Natalie state forest campground.
- (l) Perch lake state forest campground.
- (m) Pike lake state forest campground.
- (n) Pretty lake state forest campground.
- (o) Reed & Green bridge state forest campground.

(20) In Mackinac county:

- (a) Big knob state forest campground.
- (b) Black river state forest campground.
- (c) Garnet lake state forest campground.
- (d) Hog island point state forest campground.
- (e) Little brevort lake north **equestrian** state forest campground **and trail camp**.
- ~~(f) Little brevort lake south state forest campground.~~
- ~~(g)~~(f) Milakokia lake state forest campground.

~~(h)~~(g) South Manistique lake state forest campground.

(21) In Manistee county:

(a) Healy lake state forest campground.

(22) In Marquette county:

(a) Anderson lake state forest campground.

(b) Bass lake state forest campground.

(c) Escanaba river state forest campground.

(d) Little lake state forest campground.

(e) Horseshoe lake state forest campground.

~~(g)~~(f) Little Presque isle cabins.

~~(h)~~(g) Pike lake state forest campground.

~~(i)~~(h) Squaw lake state forest campground.

(23) In Menominee county:

(a) Cedar river north **equestrian** state forest campground **and trail camp**.

(24) In Midland county:

(a) Black creek state forest campground.

(25) Missaukee county:

(a) Goose lake state forest campground.

(b) Hopkins creek state forest campground.

(c) Hopkins creek equestrian state forest campground and trail camp.

(d) Long lake state forest campground.



(e) Reedsburg dam state forest campground.

(26) In Montmorency county:

(a) Avery lake state forest campground.

(b) Big oaks state forest campground.

(c) Ess lake state forest campground.

(d) Jackson lake state forest campground.

(e) Little wolf lake state forest campground.

(f) Town corner state forest campground.

(27) In Ogemaw county:

(a) Ambrose lake state forest campground.

(28) In Osceola county.

(a) Sunrise lake state forest campground.

(29) In Oscoda county:

(a) McCollum lake state forest campground.

(b) Mio pond state forest campground and group camp.

(c) Muskrat lake state forest campground.

(d) Parmalee bridge state forest campground and canoe camp.

(30) In Otsego county:

(a) Big bear lake state forest campground.

(b) Big bear pointe state forest campground.

(c) Elk hill equestrian state forest campground and trail camp.

(d) Johnson's crossing trail camp.

(e) Lake marjory state forest campground.

(f) Pickerel lake state forest campground.

(g) Pigeon bridge state forest campground.

(h) Pigeon river state forest campground.

(i) Round lake state forest campground.

(31) In Presque isle county:

- (a) Ocqueoc falls state forest campground.
- (b) Shoepac lake state forest campground.
- (c) Tomahawk creek flooding state forest campground.
- (d) Tomahawk lake state forest campground.

(32) In Roscommon county:

- (a) Houghton lake state forest campground

(33) In Schoolcraft county:

- (a) Canoe lake state forest campground.
- (b) Cusino lake state forest campground.
- (c) East branch of Fox River state forest campground.
- (d) Fox river state forest campground.
- (e) Mead creek state forest campground.
- (f) Merwin creek state forest campground.
- (g) North Gemini lake state forest campground.
- (h) Ross lake state forest campground.
- (i) South Gemini lake state forest campground.

(34) In Wexford county:

- (a) Baxter bridge state forest campground.
- (b) Long lake state forest campground.
- (c) Old U.S.-131 state forest campground.

**Order 4.3 The following designated state forest campgrounds are closed. A person shall not camp within the following designated state forest campgrounds:**

(1) In Alger county:

- (a) Laughing whitefish, section 35, T48N R22W.

(2) In Chippewa county:

- (a) Shelldrake dam, section 21, T50N R6W.

(3) In Clare county:

- (a) Pike lake, section 27, T18N R6W.

(b) Temple, section 21, T19N R6W.

(4) In Dickinson county:

(a) Lower dam, section 27, T44N R27W.

(b) West branch, section 25, T44N R28W.

~~(5) In Grand Traverse county:~~

~~(a) Forks, section 4, T26N, R9W.~~

~~(6)~~(5) In Iron county:

(a) Lake Ellen, section 35, T44N R31W.

~~(7)~~(6) In Luce county:

~~(a) Headquarters lake, section 19, T49N R10W.~~

~~(b)~~(a) Two hearted river canoe camp, section 22, T49N R10W.

~~(8)~~(7) In Mackinac county:

(a) Bay city, section 16, T42N R1W.

~~(b) Little Brevort lake south, Section 24, T42N, R6W.~~

~~(9)~~(8) In Marquette county:

(a) Escanaba river, section 32, T43N R24W.

(b) Horseshoe lake, section 22, T45N R30W.

(c) Pike lake, section 28, T45N R26W.

(d) Porterfield, section 19, T45N R29W.

(e) South horseshoe, section 22, T45N R30W.

(f) Witbeck rapids, section 18, T45N R29W.

~~(10)~~(9) In Missaukee county:

(a) Dyer lake, section 14, T21N R6W.

~~(11)~~(10) In Montmorency county:

~~(a) Big oaks, section 9, T29N R2E.~~

~~(b)~~(a) Lake 15, section 22, T30N R2E.

~~(12)~~(11) In Ogemaw county:

(a) Rifle river, section 27, T23N R3E.

~~(13)~~(12) In Wexford county:

(a) Clam river trail camp, section 23, T22N R9W.

This amended order shall be posted on or after the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

Issued on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

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